

REMARKS

Applicant requests continued examination of the above-captioned patent application.

A final Office action mailed January 9, 2004, and an Advisory Action mailed March 24, 2004, has been received in the application.

Claims 2-10 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 2, 5, 8. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 10 remain in the application without amendment.

Claims 2-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Light (USPN 6,061,337). Applicant respectfully overcomes this rejection.

To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every aspect of the claimed invention either explicitly or impliedly. (MPEP 706.02.) Claim 2, 5, and 8 recite, among other things, "to track the location of the mobile unit using at least partially a GPS system, to determine when the mobile unit enters the handoff region according to the stored information and the location of the mobile unit." Applicant submits that the cited reference does not teach the combination defined by the claim, particularly the underlined limitations. Instead, Light describes at column 5, line 63, through column 6, line 20, the use of concentric rings corresponding to distances from cell sites, and triangulation of the concentric rings, to determine the approximate location of a mobile. Furthermore, Light teaches away from using GPS-based location techniques at column 6, lines 43, where it describes that the invention provides the advantage of a rapidly determined approximate location of the mobile. Thus, independent claims 2, 5, and 8 are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference.

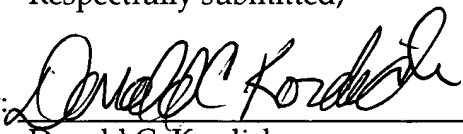
Accordingly, the rejection of independent claims 2, 5, and 8 under 35 USC 102(e) should be withdrawn in the next Office action. Further, dependent claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 10 should be allowed in the next Office action at least by virtue of their dependency on the independent claims. If this rejection is maintained in the next Office action, Applicant respectfully requests a pinpoint cite to the column and line number of the reference for the teaching.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of the response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 17-0026. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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